INF5620 Exam, Problem 4

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Finite elements for a 1D wave equation

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} + f, (1)$$

$$u_x(0) = 0, u_x(L) = 0,$$
 (2)

$$u(0) = I, (3)$$

$$u_t(0) = 0, (4)$$

$$\Omega = [0, L] \tag{5}$$

a)

1. Least squares

We want to minimize the distance between f and u by finding $c_0, ..., c_N$. This requires a norm for measuring distances, and a norm is most conveniently defined through an inner product.

$$(f,g) = \int_{\Omega} f(x)g(x)dx \tag{6}$$

The distance between f and any $u \in V$ is f - u, the squared norm of that distance is

$$E = (f(x) - \sum_{j \in I} c_j \psi_j(x), f(x) - \sum_{j \in I} c_j \psi_j(x))$$
 (7)

then rewritten,

$$E(c_0, ..., c_N) = (f, f) - 2\sum_{j \in I} c_j(f, \psi_i) + \sum_{p \in I} \sum_{q \in I} c_p c_q(\psi_p \psi_q)$$

Then to minimize E with respect to c_i we require that

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial c_i} = 0 \tag{8}$$

The terms are differentiated as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} \sum_{j \in I} c_j(f, \psi_i) = (f, \psi_i)$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} \sum_{p \in I} \sum_{q \in I} c_p c_q(\psi_p \psi_q) = 2 \sum_{j \in I} c_i(\psi_i \psi_j)$$

Leads to a linear system

$$\sum_{j \in I} A_{i,j} c_j = b_i \tag{9}$$

where

$$A_{i,j} = (\psi_i, \psi_j)$$
$$b_i = (\psi_i, f)$$

2. Galerkin

Again we want to minimize the distance between f and u, in this case minimizing the distance (error) e is equivalent to demanding that e is orthogonal to all $v \in V$,

$$(e, v) = 0 \tag{10}$$

this is equivalent to

$$(e, \sum_{i \in I} c_i \psi_i) = 0$$

For any coefficient $c_0, ... c_N$ we rewrite the equation as

$$\sum_{i \in I} c_i(e, \psi_i) = 0$$

This results in the same linear system as with the least squares method. These N+1 equations result in the same linear system,

$$(f, \psi_i) - \sum_{j \in I} c_j(\psi_i \psi_j) = 0$$
$$\sum_{j \in I} c_j(\psi_i \psi_j) = (f, \psi_i)$$

resulting in

$$\sum_{j \in I} A_{i,j} c_j = b_i$$
$$A_{i,j} = (\psi_i, \psi_j)$$
$$b_i = (\psi_i, f)$$

3. Collocation

Here we demand that $u(x_i) = f(x_i)$ at selected points x_i

$$u(x_i) = \sum_{j \in I} c_j \psi_j(x_i) = f(x_i)$$
(11)

resulting in the same linear system

$$\sum_{j \in I} A_{i,j} c_j = b_i$$

where

$$A_{i,j} = \psi_j(x_i)$$
$$b_i = f(x_i)$$

b) Discretization in time with centred differences

$$u_{tt} \approx \frac{u^{n+1} - 2u^n + u^{n-1}}{\Delta t^2} \tag{12}$$

Galerkin rule

$$(R, \psi_i) = 0 \tag{13}$$

Derive variational formulation by Galerkin method

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{n+1}-2u^n+u^{n-1}}{\Delta t^2}v dx &= \int_{\Omega} c^2 u^n_{xx}v dx + \int_{\Omega} f^n v dx \\ &\int_{\Omega} u^{n+1}+u^{n-1}v dx = \int_{\Omega} -2u^n v dx + \Delta t^2 \int_{\Omega} c^2 u^n_{xx}v dx + \Delta t^2 \int_{\Omega} f^n v dx \\ &\int_{\Omega} u^{n+1}+u^{n-1}v dx = \int_{\Omega} -2u^n v dx + \Delta t^2 \int_{\Omega} c^2 u^n_x v_x dx + \Delta t^2 \int_{\Omega} f^n v dx \end{split}$$

Derive formulas for element matrix

$$A_{i,j} = (\psi_i, \psi_j) \tag{14}$$

c) P1 elements are defined as when all cell have equal length h

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases}
0, & x < x_{i-1} \\
(x - x_{i-1})/h, & x_{i-1} \leqslant x \le x_i \\
1 - (x - x_i)/h, & x_i \leqslant x \le x_{i+1} \\
0, & x \geqslant x_{i+1}
\end{cases}$$
(15)

Creates hat-like functions over each element. ψ is then replaced by φ and a element matrix entry is then computed as following

$$A_{i,j}^{(e)} = \int_{\Omega^{(e)}} \varphi_i \varphi_j dx \tag{16}$$

Now $A_{i,j}^{(e)} \neq 0$, only if i and j nodes of the same element e. Introduce i=q(e,r) and j=q(e,s) for mapping between local and global node numbering

$$A_{r,s}^{(e)} = \int_{\Omega^{(e)}} \varphi_{q(e,r)}(x) \varphi_{q(e,s)}(x) dx \tag{17}$$

Then use affine mapping to map the element matrices to a global matrix.

d) Set up the discrete equations for this wave problem on operator form (assume P1 elements). Analysis of the scheme based on exact solution of the discrete equations. Compare with results from finite difference method.

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